



MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES  
1141 Bayview Avenue, Suite 101, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530

## News Release

Contact: Susan Perkins  
Phone: (228) 374-5000

SLP-04-156  
November 3, 2004

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### ***Three Oyster Reef Areas Close November 3***

BILOXI, Miss. –The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources has announced the closing of Area II "A," Area II "D," and Area VIII "B" Conditionally Approved Waters to the harvest of oysters, **effective Wednesday, November 3, 2004 at 4 p.m.** These areas are closing due to rainfall amounts exceeding management plan criteria.

- **Area II "A" Conditionally Approved Waters (closed)** includes northern portions of the Pass Christian and Henderson Point Reefs and Hornets Reef;
- **Area II "D" Conditionally Approved Waters (closed)** includes portions of the public oyster reefs in St. Louis Bay between the CSX Railroad bridge and the U.S. Highway 90 bridge; and
- **Area VIII "B" Conditionally Approved Waters (closed)** includes the Middle Bay south of 30° 23.010' North Latitude, the North and South Rigolets, L'Isle Chaude, L'Isle Chaude Bay, Jose Bayou, Jose Bay, and northern portions of Point Aux Chenes Bay, including the area locally known as Graw Point Bay.

**For more information on the open and closed areas, call the DMR's 24-hour Oyster Information Hotline at (228) 374-5167 or 1-800-385-5902.**

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the State by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes. Visit the DMR online at [www.dmr.state.ms.us](http://www.dmr.state.ms.us).

—END—